

**ZACH HATCH
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

MARCH 2010

I am nominating Zach Hatch for Employee of the Month. Zach's determination in being the best Firefighter/Paramedic has saved many lives. He is actively engaged in building the Fire Department.

In the last two years that I have worked with Zach, he saved an infant's life at birth. It was an in-home birth, the midwife had problems, and the infant had aspirated merconium. Zach's recognition of the problem and his aggressive treatment made a positive outcome in the infant's life. He has worked multiple cardiac arrests with three successful resuscitations. One incident was at the ballpark, where a thirty-six year old female, in full arrest, recovered with full mental functions. Another time, in route to IMC Hospital, he had a successful electrical cardioversion on I80.

I have seen Zach control the medical scene; he knows how to work with people. He knows when to be kind and caring, business like, or use a firm hand. Zach is a National Registry Paramedic which is a higher skill level beyond Utah's certification.

Zach believes that he should do extra to build the Fire Department. With this approach, Zach has been involved in numerous projects and activities to help the Fire Department. Zach took on the medical PALS training for the department. He was the one to calendar, organize, oversee and helped teach classes. This was for fifteen different fire crews, on three different shifts. Zach is writing grants for the department. He is also serving as the vice president of our firefighter union. Zach is a Metro Urban Search and Rescue Search Specialist. He saw a need for the Salt Lake Metro USAR Task Force Two to have a search dog team. He did the research and found out what is needed to have a dog team and how to acquire trained dogs. He is currently leading the efforts to put the team together. This dog team will be a great asset to the USAR Team.

For Zach Hatch's exemplary service to the department and citizens of West Valley City, I feel he should be awarded Employee of the Month.

Submitted by: Captain Brent Hobbs
Fire Department